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SUMMARY: IN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE DCM SAW SECRETARY-
GENERAL SOUTOU AND MADE PRESENTATION PER REFTEL A.
SOUTOU SAID QUAI WORKING LEVEL SHARED OUR ASSESSMENT
OF HISTORIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE OF SADAT
INITIATIVE. HE UNDERTOOK TO PUT QUESTION OF PUBLIC
STATEMENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER SOONEST. HE REMINDED
US OF UPCOMING PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
VISIT TO DAMASCUS AND OF NEED FOR UP TO THE MINUTE
INFORMATION ON MIDDLE EAST STATE OF PLAY BEFORE THEIR
DEPARTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO
MARSEILLE, DCM CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-
GENERAL SOUTOU TO MAKE PRESENTATION FOLLOWING REFTEL A.
SOUTOU SAID THAT QUAI MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS MET WITH HIM
YESTERDAY FOR CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF SADAT INITIATIVE;
CONSENSUS WAS FIRM THAT SADAT'S STEP WAS A HISTORIC
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AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVENT OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. SOUTOU
INDICATED THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORED A CAREFULLY
NUANCED PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT-BEGIN
MEETING. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS DANGER OF TOO
MUCH SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVE, SINCE SOME ARABS
ARE ALLEGING A "MADE IN US" LABEL AND SAYING THAT
USG HAS EITHER FATHERED IT OR KNOWN ABOUT IT FOR LONG

TIME.

2. SOUTOU SAID HE WOULD PUT MATTER OF PUBLIC STATEMENT URGENTLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD, WHO RETURNED FROM ROME LATE LAST NIGHT AND THAT HE WOULD INFORM US OF GOF DECISION.

3. SOUTOU REMINDED US THAT GUIRINGAUD AND PRIME MINISTER BARRE WILL BE LEAVING FOR DAMASCUS IN EIGHT DAYS AND THAT THEY NEED AN UP TO THE MINUTE BRIEFING BY US ON MIDDLE EAST MATTERS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE (REFTELS B AND C).
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